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SUBJECT: BRIEFING HMG ON SAUDI-FINANCED ARMS PROGRAM
FOR YAR

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FOR KINSOLVING

1. AS RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS IN JIDDA JANUARY 26 BETWEEN
USG AND SAG MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, (REFTEL B) IT CLEAR
THAT SAG, AS FAR AS USG KNOWS, IS NOT INTERESTED IN
BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN YAR MILITARY MODERNIZATION
PROGRAM AT THIS TIME.

2. UK DEFENSE ATTACHE AND UK LONDON SALES REPRESENTATIVE
IN JIDDA AT TIME OF US-SA MEETING ON JANUARY 26 WERE FULLY
INFORMED OF CONTENT OF REFTEL B. THERE IS THEREFORE

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NOTHING MORE THAT WE KNOW OF INTEREST TO HMG

AT THIS TIME.

3. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH FCO, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT
APPARENT DECISION TO BUY AMERICAN (AND SOME FRENCH) WAS
MADE BY SAUDIS, AND NOT REPEAT NOT URGED ON SAG BY USG.
USG HOPES HMG UNDERSTANDS THAT SAG ATTITUDE ON THIRD
COUNTRY INVOLVEMENT IS ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT OF US
ATTITUDES. SISCO

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